GUIDE TO THE All SINKIANG FILE

[The All Sinkiang file consists of three sources, all of which are in English. 1:Lattimore concentrates on the political history, with some materials on the people, geography and economy. 2:Norins depends largely on translated Chinese material and again concentrates on politics and economics. 3:Skrine, by a British consular official, is essentially a geography of the area with data on the native groups and on diplomatic relations with Chinese officials.

Since this is primarily an areal rather than an ethnic file, data on many categories are rather skimpy. This is particularly so with those categories relating to the life cycle and training of children. The file is strong in the political and economic areas.

No special marking decisions were made for the Sinkiang file. --Analyst]

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